

**TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE**



FISCAL NOTE

HB 952 - SB 908

February 20, 2009

SUMMARY OF BILL: Authorizes any county or city to re-establish the office of county or city school superintendent by popular vote. If a county or city chooses to conduct an election prior to the expiration of a contract, the local government is responsible for satisfying any contractual obligation to an incumbent Director of Schools.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

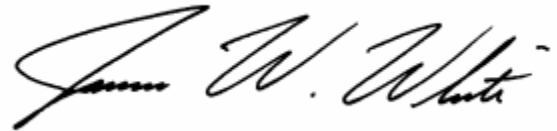
Increase Local Expenditures – Exceeds \$100,000/Permissive

Assumptions:

- Cities or counties may elect to re-establish the office of school superintendent and buy out an appointed director of schools' contract before the end of the contract, increasing local government expenditures. Such increase will depend upon the time left on the contract at the time of the buyout, but this permissive cost is estimated to exceed \$100,000.
- Elections will be held during the regular August election. The cost to add this item to the ballot will depend on how many local governments choose to elect their school superintendent. Any increase in local government expenditures to add this item to the ballot is estimated to be not significant.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "James W. White". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized "J" and "W".

James W. White, Executive Director

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